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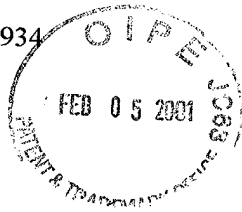
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Office Action dated November 13, 2000 for the above-referenced application be extended for a period of three (3) months, from December 13, 2000, the date now set, to and including March 13, 2001.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required amount due for the three (3) month extension of time for this response, as well as any other charges or credits, to Greenberg Traurig LLP's Deposit Account No. 501561.

Respectfully submitted,

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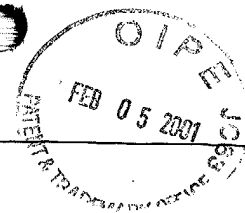
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